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1999-2000 Board Members

The "T" Club Officers and Board Members for 1999-2000 are Don Bosch, SW '82 - President; Pat Shires, FB '53 - Immediate Past President; Wendell Anderson, FB '80 - President Elect; Rusty Ensor, BS '82 - Vice President; Jeff Francis, FB '88 - Vice President; Byrl Logan, BK '39 - Vice President; Hal Wantland, FB '65 - Secretary-Treasurer; Troy Hale, FB '85 - Board Member; Tim Irwin, FB '80 - Board Member; Guy Jackson, III, GF '84 - Board Member; Mike LaSorsa, FB '61 - Board Member; John Michels, FB '52 - Board Member; Marty Sonnenfeldt, TK '77 - Board Member; Brent Watson, FB '77 - Board Member; Greg Watts, GF '86 - Board Member; Dennis Wolfe, FB '78 - Board Member; Judy Constantine, Honorary - Executive Director; Billy Henry - Alumni Administrator; Joan Cronan - Women's Athletic Director and Doug Dickey - Men's Athletic Director.

Update on Wall of Fame

"We continue to receive contributions for the "*Wall.*" At press deadline we have received contributions from 798 individuals, most of whom are lettermen and more than 650 are current members of the "T" Club.

"Our goal is and has been to have each and every living letterman actively participate in this project. As we have said many times, and I would like to emphasize **there is no amount too small for the *Wall* (or too large, I might add).** Won't you be a part of this great project and help us reach our goal. I am totally convinced that Tennessee Lettermen everywhere will be proud of this *Wall* when it is completed."

Gordon Polofsky, Chairman
Wall of Fame Committee

Lettermen's Fall Weekend

The 1999 Lettermen's Fall Weekend has been set for Nov. 27 when the Vols take on SEC and in-state rival Vanderbilt at Neyland Stadium. A time has not been officially announced as to kickoff and plans for that day are not completed yet. More information will follow in upcoming issues.

Lastest Memorial Contributions

Below are donations made as memorials

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Asbury, Elbert J., Jr.	44-45	FB
Atchley, Gary		
Atchley, Mary		
Balitsaris, George	46-48	FB
Barber, Robert	64-66	TK,CC
Behrens, John	75-70	FB
Bierschenk, Gordon	80	TK
Bosch, Don	82	SW
Bridges, Greg	80	FB
Cloninger, Bob	52-53	FB
Coulter, Kenny	87-89	BK,BS,TK
Davis, Antone	87-90	FB
Denster, Mike	70-72	BS
Dilenme, Bill	91	FB
Echols, Jason H	94	GF
Edgerton, Rob	74-75	BS
Foster, Jeff	91-93	BS
Gaffney, James T	40-43	FB,TK
Gowdy, Jerry	62-63	FB
Hodgson, John C	64	BS
Hogue, Chris	90-97	FB
Hutchison, Byron M	41-43	FB,TE
Jarvis, Ron	65-67	FB
Jeffries, Danny	70-72	FB
Johnson, Rip	80	BK
Justus, Bill	67-69	BK
Lowe, Darryl G	64-66	BS
Lukowski, Joe	57-59	FB
Martin, Vincent	88-90	TK
McCartney, Ron	73-75	FB
McLeary, Phil	73-75	FB
Mehen, Bernie	40-42	BK
Merritt, J. B.	68	FB
Myers, Anthony	81-84	BS
O'Brien, Joe	77-78	SW
Schwotzer, Eric H	75-78	SW
Slack, Lars	94-95	GF
Slinden, Diane	98	WTK
Smith, C. Phil	65-68	TK
Stone, Norman	56-59	TK,CC
Terry, Mike A	79,81-82	FB
Thornton, Susan	76-80	WVB,WTK
Treadway, Joe	50, 52	BK
Trott, Stan	69-72	FB,TK
Wallace, Randall	74-76	FB,BS
Weatherford, Jim	66-68	FB
Webb, Danny	58	FB
Williams, Tom	60-62	FB

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This year on behalf of the "T" Club, we will begin a feature entitled "The President's Column." Although it may not always be written by me, it is the hope of the "T" Club to discuss issues important to all of the lettermen at The University of Tennessee.

I guess the best way to start off this exciting year is to let those of you that are unsure as to what the "T" Club is, to again state its purpose. Lloyd Richardson, one of our past presidents, used to remind the Board on regular occasion (usually just before one of us was to bludgeon another) that the "T" Club is about friendship, that is, the relationships, lifelong and personal, between all of us who share the bond of participation and excellence as a letterman in a varsity sport at Tennessee. This might sound simplistic, but when you really think of it, it is the noblest and most important of goals for any organization. Although former athletes can be accused of occasionally living in the past about their accomplishments (for me, seventeen years and quite a few pounds ago), the thing that continues to bind me to Tennessee is the friendships I have made through my experience as a student-athlete at UT. As we seek to increase the visibility and endeavors of the "T" Club, we must never forget this.

I would like to take a moment to pander to my predecessors. Pat Shires has served this organization as its president for the last two years. For those of you who are familiar with our board members, this is a boisterous, and even sometimes obnoxious, group of accomplished individuals. Pat's steady hand and calm demeanor served us well. Prior to Pat, my friend Lloyd Richardson ran the group with the necessary "iron fist" that it took to establish much of what is now known as the modern day "T" Club. Many have said that Lloyd would make a fine politician but, unfortunately, since his ethics only occasionally waver, usually only involving his golf game, he'll probably never reach standards low enough to succeed in this arena. All kidding aside, Lloyd is the person who brought me into the fold of this organization and rekindled many of the friendships that I continue to hold dear. Finally, it was Jim Hill whose efforts resurrected the "T" Club and without him none of what we have today would be possible.

There are so many others that are influential to this club. I want to especially thank Judy Constantine. She has been a rock for our organization as well as many athletes too numerous to count. Others, such as Dr. Andy Kozar, Rusty Ensor, Gordon Polofsky, Gene Moeller, and Hal Wantland, have contributed so much to this Board that we could have to add pages too numerous to count to give them due credit. I know there are others on this Board who have contributed immensely, and again my thanks go out to them.

This year, we are pleased to announce the addition of two new Board members, Brent Watson (football) and Tim Irwin (football). It should be noted that, along with the author of this column, these two folks are both lawyers. We promise not to screw up our Board too much!

This will be a defining year for the "T" Club. Gordon Polofsky, Gene Moeller and others have spearheaded the lettermen's wall project. By the time you receive this magazine, we will have raised nearly $200,000 towards our goal of $250,000. The *Wall* will contain the names of every varsity letterman in the history of The University of Tennessee men and women's athletic departments. This project is no small task. It will be unique in the nation and something we believe will bring national attention to UT and serve as a reminder to all athletes, past, present and future, of their importance here. If you have not yet contributed, please send money (remember that phrase - every one of us used it with our parents throughout our education).

There will be much more in the weeks to come from this column. I hope to enlighten and occasionally entertain with its contents. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to send them to the "T" Club - of course, only if they're nice.

—Don Bosch

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CHAMPS Program

Recruiting in college sports has never been an exact science. It often becomes the strange intersection of politician and nervous schoolboy asking for a date.

Recently, it has blossomed into a sophisticated and complicated process which often leaves parents and students puzzled. It seems nowadays that among the top programs in the country everyone offers TV exposure, top notch coaching staffs and state of the art facilities.

That homogeneity leaves the door open for schools to find their niche in the recruiting process with other offerings for prospects. At Tennessee that niche has become the CHAMPS/Life Skills program which focuses on the total development of the student-athlete: academic, athletic, career, personal and community service.

Athletic department personnel showcase the program as a key component that sets the Tennessee experience apart from other programs.

"With the top programs, you have an equal playing field when it comes to coaches, facilities, etc.," said Vincent Martin, director of men's CHAMPS/Life Skills. "Now the CHAMPS/Life Skills program will be the thing that stands out."

Women's Assistant Athletic Director Kerry Howland agrees that demonstrating UT's commitment to the total development of the student-athlete is a major selling point for recruits.

"We use CHAMPS/Life Skills as a distinguishable facet of our athletic program," she said. "It sets us apart in that we've developed an extremely healthy and effective program. Student-athletes want to come to UT because they know we will emphasize their personal growth."

Martin has noticed that in the last few years students and parents have become more sophisticated shoppers and have begun to probe areas that until recently have been largely ignored.

"Five years ago, students did not even ask career questions on recruiting trips. Now they do," Martin said. "Parents tend to ask more detailed questions because they have the ultimate goal of a career in mind."

Focusing on the personal and academic success of student-athletes is an element of the recruiting process which is quickly becoming in vogue in college sports. Martin and Howland are proud that recruits are starting to think seriously about their education and life after college much earlier in their college careers than they used to. Having the programs in place once the student-athletes arrive on campus is not enough. UT must actively display its CHAMPS/Life Skills program to recruits.

"It is important to demonstrate to the prospective student-athlete that UT supports their total development," Howland said.

Such emphasis will allow UT to continue attracting the top student-athletes from around the country.

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28-point Second Quarter Pivotal

Vols Topple Cowboys 42-17

Shields-Watkins Field, Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 4, 1999 (Game No. 1030, 691-286-53, .697) —

Tennessee's 42-17 win against Wyoming in the season opener here tonight was about what you would have expected, even considering that the visitors from out west led 10-7 at the first quarter break. Never fear, however, because the No. 3 Tennessee Volunteers, now with 14 consecutive wins in their collective pockets, relied on the running of Jamal Lewis (25 carries for 159 yards and three TDs), the receiving of Cedrick Wilson (seven catches for 183 yards and two scores), the passing accuracy of Tee Martin, and a defensive effort which recorded 25 tackles behind the line and a school-record 13 sacks. A crowd of 107,597, third largest in the history of Gen. Neyland's Stadium, saw the first-ever meeting between the two schools. The Vols survived three turnovers to take the victory.

Lewis scored on runs of 25, 32 and 1, while Wilson caught TD passes covering 55 and 16 yards. Eric Westmoreland was Jasper-on-the-spot, finding a bobble and scooting 18 yards for a score just before halftime. Robert Loudermilk knocked home six extra points in as many tries.

Lewis' 159 yards made him the eighth back in UT history to crack the 2000-yard barrier, now with a total of 2020. He made it quicker than any other Vol back (17 games) and has 11 career 100-yard games. He tied a career high (Kentucky 1997) with his three rushing TDs. It was the fifth time he has cracked the 150-yard mark. It was a solid show for the Atlanta junior, who is working hard to return from a knee injury suffered last October at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn.

"I realized how much I missed being out on the field running the ball," Lewis said. "I was ready to play. The first run showed I was back. I'm hungry and I wanted more. I'm reading my blocks better than before and running behind my line better."

Senior defensive end Shaun Ellis chases down a Wyoming running back. The Vol defense held the Wyoming roffense to 8 yards net rushing and sacked the Cowboy quarterbacks a school record 13 times. It also intercepted two passes.

Wilson's pass-catching effort was the ninth-best mark in Vol history behind Tim McGee (Vanderbilt 1984, 190 yards) and ahead of Peerless Price (Vanderbilt 1998, 181 yards) and, once again, Elizabethton's Johnny Mills still stands supreme with his 225-yard effort against Kentucky way back in 1966.

Vol defenders roared in time after time on Wyoming quarterbacks Jay Stoner and Matt Swanson for the aforementioned 13 sacks, led by Will Overstreet and Raynoch Thompson (three each for minus 22). It was Overstreet, the Jackson, Miss., soph, who caught the attention of Cowboy coach Dana Dimel, who said of him, "His motor runs all the time."

"The defensive line was doing its job, but everybody was doing their job," Will said. "The linebackers were cover-

ing well and coming on their blitzes well. It seemed like the secondary was covering forever, so the defensive line had plenty of time to get to the quarterback."

Darwin Walker and Mikki Allen had two sacks each (totaling minus 8 and minus 14 respectively), while Westmoreland, Shaun Ellis and Fred White each had one. Dwayne Goodrich and Deon Grant each had interceptions. Grant's led to a 93-yard drive in the final quarter which culminated with the final TD and set the final score at 42-17. Goodrich's interception was the 10th of his career, tying him for 10th on the all-time Vols list with J. W. Sherrill, Eddie Brown, Roland James and Jason Parker.

The Vols got their first TD on their second possession, heading northward. Lewis caught a pass for 12, Eric Parker, who had two catches for 34 yards, caught another for 14 and, after a holding penalty got the Vols in position at the Cowboy 25, Lewis zoomed in immediately for the season's first score.

Wyoming had an impressive response. The Cowboys scored a TD, an 18-yard pass to Marcus Nash's younger brother, Tommy, and knocked home a field goal by Aaron Elling from 52 yards that might have been good from even further.

After the Vols lost a fumble at the Wyoming 18, a lost-yardage tackle by Anthony Sessions and Overstreet took away 4 and a sack by Ellis 9 more. When the Vols took over at the Cowboy 41 after a punt, John Finlayson, the tight end, caught a pass at the east boundary for 9 and Martin did what came naturally, handing the ball to Lewis who cruised 32 yards for the go-ahead score.

A possession later, after solid defensive plays by Sessions, Fred White and Overstreet led once again to favorable field position, the Vols scored in one play from the UT 45. Martin found Wilson all alone deep down the left side for Cedrick's first score of 1999, a 55-yarder.

"After we hit short passes a couple of times, we knew their defensive backs would be biting," Wilson said. "Coach Sanders made a perfect call. The offensive line gave Tee time to set his feet and, if his able to do that, he can deliver the ball. Tee made a perfect throw, and it was up to me to catch it."

A possession later, following three timeouts that saved a bundle of time, Travis Henry hit left end for 23 and Tee followed up with a TD pass to Wilson, on

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-- Vol Wideout Cedrick Wilson"

WHAT OTHERS SAID...

"The first installment of (Jamal) Lewis' return came on the Vols' first play from scrimmage in the 1999 season. Quarterback Tee Martin spun and put the ball where it will go many times over the next 12 games — if all goes according to plan. Lewis exploded for 21 yards on his first run in a game in almost a year and the Wyoming Cowboys began an evening of missed tackles to go with plenty of chances to try again."

—Jeff Legwold, The Tennessean

"The Volunteers, with a national championship to defend, proved they just might be able to do it with their defense alone. Tennessee sacked Wyoming quarterbacks a school record 13 times in rolling to a 42-17 win in front of 107,597 at Neyland Stadium."

— Tony Pettis, Huntsville Times

"Third-ranked Tennessee, jolted from a defending national champion's slumber, scored 28 unanswered second-quarter points en route to a 42-17 rout of upstart Wyoming Saturday night. The Cowboys had rallied to tie the game at 7, then shushed the crowd of 107,597 and shocked the Volunteers by taking a 10-7 lead with 3:27 to play in the first quarter. It was PeeWee Herman slapping Mike Tyson. Aroused to the point of infuriation, Tennessee cracked open a can of kick-butt for the four scores — one from linebacker Eric Westmoreland, who scooped up a fumble and returned it 22 yards to cap the Vols' scoring splurge — en route to a 35-10 halftime advantage."

—Ward Gossett, Chattanooga Times and Free Press

"And over those final 45 minutes — or three hours and 17 minutes in real time — the Big Orange looked a lot more like the No. 3 team in the world, just behind National Football League members Denver and Minnesota, than a mere college squad. There were, for instance, enough sacks to stock a grocery, some 13 in all, five more than any previous Vol defense had registered in a single game. There was also the radiant return of the surgically-repaired tailback Jamal Lewis, who was indeed rebuilt as a better model — bigger, stronger and faster than before. As regal and rambunctious as ever — yes, those adjectives do belong in the same sentence when the subject is Lewis — the Heisman hopeful galloped for three touchdowns and 120-plus yards."

—Mark Wiedmer, Chattanooga Times and Free Press

"Jerry Lewis is holding his telethon this weekend, but Jamal Lewis put on his own show on Saturday night. The junior tailback, playing for the first time since a season-ending knee injury in the fourth game last year, rushed for 159 yards and scored three touchdowns as defending national champion Tennessee lassoed the Wyoming Cowboys 42-17 in both teams' season opener at Neyland Stadium."

—Bucky Dent, Bristol Herald-Courier

"Jamal Lewis' first carry in nearly a year went for 21 yards. His sixth went for a 25-yard touchdown. By the time he finished punishing Wyoming on Saturday night, there weren't many questions about his once-damaged right knee. 'Welcome back, Jamal Lewis,' said Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer."

— Al Levine, Atlanta Journal-Constitution

which the junior wideout from Memphis made a nifty move at the southwest corner. Henry, for his part, had 54 yards rushing on nine carries and surpassed the 1000-yard mark for his career. Westmoreland's score came on Wyoming's next offensive play and established the halftime score at 35-10. It was the first for the Vols since Chris Ramseur's return against Vanderbilt last November, one which Westmoreland caused. What Eric taketh, he also giveth.

"The penetration by Darwin Walker made the quarterback fumble and I just picked it up and ran it in," Westmoreland said. "It was just one of those things. I think a lot of people saw the ball and I was just in the right place to get it." If he hadn't, Goodrich would have.

"I was mad because I was coming right behind him to get it," Dwayne said with a big smile. "He just picked it up before me. It's a team thing, so I'm just glad we scored."

The second quarter, which featured a 28-0 a Vol run, seemingly lasted forever, "two and one-half hours," according to Dimel. It wasn't quite that long, but just seemed that way for nearly everybody.

Wyoming had a 98-yard drive for a score after the Vols missed a golden opportunity when Ellis caused a fumble and Westmoreland, once again, grabbed the prize at the 3. The Vols had no immediate response and the score stayed at 35-17 until Grant, who covers ground as quickly as any safety in Vol history, grabbed an oskie with 3:21 left. The Vols cashed it in on an eight-play drive, with key completions to Wilson (64 yards down the far boundary headed southward to the UW 27) and David Martin (13 yards to the Cowboy 1). Lewis dove for one yard on the next play and that was that.

Quarterback Tee Martin made several runs which gave the Vols a first down. Tee also had two TD tosses on the night.

"The last touchdown was big for our confidence," Tee Martin said. "We had gotten in a slump and it was good to put together a TD drive. It will give us confidence heading into our next game."

The "next game" Martin referred to is down south a ways, Gainesville, Fla., to be exact, against the Florida Gators.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

Tennessee's John Henderson (98) and Darwin Walker (58) collect one of the 13 sacks on the night. The Vol defense would force Wyoming to go to its second string quarterback when starter Jay Stoner (11) was knocked out of the game after being sacked midway in the first half.

Division	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
EAST				
Tennessee	0	0	1	0
Florida	0	0	1	0
Georgia	0	0	1	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	1
Vanderbilt	0	1	0	1
S. Carolina	0	0	0	1
WEST				
Arkansas	0	0	1	0
Miss. State	0	0	1	0
Mississippi	0	0	1	0
LSU	0	0	1	0
Alabama	1	0	1	0
Auburn	0	0	1	0

(As of Sept. 5)

SEC Scores

Alabama 28
Vanderbilt 17

Louisville 56
Kentucky 28

Western Michigan 26
Florida 55

Utah State 7
Georgia 38

Middle Tennessee State 7
Mississippi State 40

Arkansas 26
Southern Methodist 0

Applachian State 15
Auburn 22

San Jose State 21
LSU 29

Mississippi 3
Memphis 0

South Carolina 0
North Carolina State 10

GAME NOTES

The 107,597 was the largest crowd Wyoming had ever played before, and it also surpassed the Cowboys' 1998 home attendance (107,553) at War Memorial Stadium in Laramie.

Former Vol broadcaster (1952-67) and founder of the "Vol Navy" George Mooney was honored at halftime as part of the 50th anniversary of the Vol Network.

The game marked the debut of the JumboTron outdoor digital display system high above the south upper deck.

Tennessee has now won 14 consecutive games, a streak begun a year ago at Syracuse.

RANKINGS (AP & USA TODAY/ESPN): UT 3 & 2, UW Not Ranked

Statistics - Tennessee vs. Wyoming

Team Statistics	UT	UW
First Down	24	20
Rushing	11	6
Passing	12	10
Penalty	1	4
Rushing Attempts	41	40
Yards Gained	276	116
Yards Lost	18	108
Net Yards Rushing	258	8
Net Yards Passing	264	195
Passes Attempted	21	30
Passes Completed	14	22
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Offensive Plays	62	70
Total Net Yards	522	203
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	6-2
Int. Return/Yards	2-28	0-0
Penalties/Yards	8-75	6-35
Third Down Conversions	4 of 10	4 of 13
Fourth Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Punts/Average	5-45.4	7-42.7
Punt Returns/Yards	3-6	2-13
Kickoff Returns/Yards	4-90	7-165
Sacks By/Yards	13-82	1-8
Time of Possession	27:34	32:26

SCORE BY QUARTER

WYOMING	10	0	7	0 — 17
TENNESSEE	7	28	0	7 — 42

SCORING SUMMARY

1T - Lewis run 25. Loudermilk kick.
Drive: 4 plays, 64 yards, 1:37 possession, 7:39 on clock.
1W - Nash, pass from Stoner 20. Elling kick.
Drive: 4 plays, 57 yards, 1:22 possession, 6:17 on clock.
1W - Elling, FG 52.
Drive: 8 plays, 28 yards, 3:27 possession, 1:07 on clock.
2T - Lewis run 32. Loudermilk kick.
Drive: 3 plays, 41 yards, :58 possession, 9:08 on clock.
2T - Wilson pass from T. Martin 55. Loudermilk kick.
Drive; 1 play, 55 yards, :10 possession 7:36 on clock.
2T - Wilson pass from T. Martin 16. Loudermilk kick.
Drive: 3 plays, 43 yards, :47 possession, 1:42 on clock.
2T - Westmoreland fumble return 18. Loudermilk kick.
Drive: 1:32 on clock.
3W - Montgomery pass from Swanson 18. Elling kick.
Drive: 12 plays, 98 yards, 4:57 possession, 4:29 on clock.
4T - Lewis run 1. Loudermilk kick.
Drive: 8 plays, 93 yards, 2:59 possession, :22 on clock.

TENNESSEE INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Lewis	25	166	7	159	3	32
Henry	9	57	3	54	0	23
T. Martin	6	44	8	36	0	16
Crosby	1	9	0	9	0	9
Totals	***41***	***276***	***18***	***258***	***3***	***32***

PASSING	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
T. Martin	21	14	0	264	2	64
Totals	***21***	***14***	***0***	***264***	***2***	***64***

RECEIVING	No	Yards	TD	Lg
C.Wilson	7	183	2	64
Parker	2	34	0	20
Stallworth	1	17	0	17
D. Martin	1	13	0	13
Lewis	1	12	0	12
Finlayson	1	9	0	9
Grant	1	-4	0	-4
Totals	***14***	***264***	***2***	***64***

PUNTING	No	Yards	Avg	LP
Leaverton	5	227	45.4	52
Totals	***5***	***227***	***45.4***	***52***

PUNT RETURNS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Parker	2	5	2.5	0	5
Grant	1	1	1	0	1
Totals	***3***	***6***	***2.0***	***0***	***5***

KO RETURNS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Scott	4	90	22.5	0	32
Totals	***4***	***90***	***22.5***	***0***	***32***

FGS	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+LK
Loudermilk		0/1			
Totals		***0/1***			

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Goodrich	1	28	0	28
Grant	1	0	0	0
Totals	***2***	***28***	***0***	***28***

WYOMING INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Scott	4	29	1	28	0	19
Jennings	2	19	1	18	0	19
Beasley	8	22	5	17	0	7
Shuck	1	7	0	7	0	7
Brye	4	13	10	3	0	8
Nash	2	6	4	2	0	6
Stoner	4	3	17	(-14)	0	3
Swanson	15	17	70	(-53)	0	10
Totals	***40***	***116***	***108***	***8***	***0***	***19***

PASSING	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Swanson	21	16	2	130	1	23
Stoner	9	6	0	65	1	20
Totals	***30***	***22***	***2***	***195***	***2***	***23***

RECEIVING	No	Yards	TD	Lg
Nash	4	41	1	20
Montgomery	3	50	1	23
Brye	3	35	0	19
Scott	3	23	0	9
Ralph	3	5	0	5
King	2	26	0	17
Beasley	2	4	0	6
Shuck	1	7	0	7
Jennings	1	4	0	4
Totals	***22***	***195***	***2***	***23***

PUNTING	No	Yards	Avg	LP
Waring	6	252	42.0	55
Stoner	1	47	47.0	47
Totals	***7***	***299***	***42.7***	***55***

PUNT RETURNS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Jennings	2	13	13.0	0	13
Totals	***2***	***13***	***13.0***	***0***	***13***

KO RETURNS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Brye	2	77	38.5	0	39
English	2	57	28.5	0	43
Jennings	1	6	6.0	0	6
Tesinsky	1	3	3.0	0	3
Derenoncourt	1	22	22.0	0	22
Totals	***7***	***165***	***23.6***	***0***	***43***

FGS	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+LK
Elling				1/1	52
Totals				***1/1***	***52***

Fulmer File...

WYOMING GAME 1999

As an opening test, the Wyoming game was about what we needed, underscoring a number of areas in which we need improvement before we head to Gainesville and our showdown with the Florida Gators.

The 107,597 who turned out at Neyland Stadium on a muggy Saturday night were as elated as his teammates and coaches to have Jamal Lewis back with us. Jamal didn't disappoint any of us.

We've had some great backs during the years I have been at Tennessee, such as Reggie Cobb, Chuck Webb, James Stewart, Charlie Garner, Aaron Hayden and Jay Graham, to mention a few.

Jamal is as big, fast and elusive as any of them. He's a better blocker than most of them and is just as good a receiver. He is a fabulous player and a great competitor.

We presented him the game ball in the locker room. I told him it was to reward his great effort, to provide him a welcome back. I also suggested he carry it around for a couple of days and try not to drop it.

We have to stop fumbling. If it hadn't been for turnovers and fumbles, the Wyoming game probably wouldn't have been as close. Nevertheless, in the long run, it's to our benefit that we had to play so hard in the third and fourth quarters.

One of the ancient maxims of football is that you make your greatest improvement between the first and second games. I hope that holds up two weeks from now because reducing our fumbles and penalties is absolutely essential when we play Florida.

Lewis played like the Jamal of old in surpassing the 2000-yard career-rushing mark sooner than any other back in Tennessee history. He had some very good help from Travis Henry, who gave us a nice lift a couple of times and passed the 1000-yard career mark himself.

It's a shame that we didn't get Travis Stephens into the game. We need to play him and have him ready to go. Lewis and Henry gave us a strong one-two punch at tailback.

Wyoming is a good football team that put forth one heck of an effort and never gave up. The Cowboys were aggressive to the very end.

Cedrick Wilson demonstrated why he is our deep ball threat. He is a tough competitor who had a great game. We've made good progress with our receiving corps in just the last 10 days. Their confidence is growing.

Overall, we were our own worst enemy as far as not capitalizing on our opportunities. The turnover situation was responsible for that. The result was our defense spent too much time on the field. Of course, the defense was partly to blame because they have the responsibility to stop their opponents and get the ball back for our offense.

Coach John Chavis said from the get-go that we would be better this year at rushing the passer. That was surely a good start against Wyoming. Thirteen sacks beat the previous school record by five and certainly was an encouraging development. Our starting ends, Shaun Ellis and Will Overstreet, each accounted for three sacks. Darwin Walker and Mikki Allen had two each.

The Walk to the Stadium was an incredible display of fan support. The crowd was into it all the way. We need everybody's energetic backing as we approach the important game against Florida Sept. 18. I hope everybody who can get a ticket will be there to cheer on the Vols.

-- *Phillip Fulmer*

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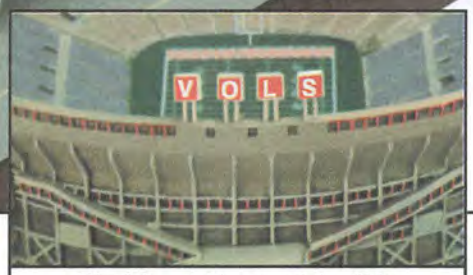

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Ben Byrd on the Vols...

Wyoming with a Tennessee flavor...

The football teams of Tennessee and Wyoming have never met on the field of friendly strife, but there is a distinctive Tennessee flavor to Wyoming's proud gridiron tradition.

The Cowboys-UT connection goes back more than 50 years. The University of Wyoming, seeking to build its football program to major status in the aftermath of World War II, launched a search for a new head coach and the top name on the list was Mississippi State assistant Bowden Wyatt.

Wyatt was one of Tennessee's greatest sons. An All-America end, he had served as captain of the 1938 Vol team that had been the school's first ever to go through the regular season and the postseason with a perfect record, 11-0. And Wyatt was also known to be one of Gen. Bob Neyland's favorite pupils.

Ex-Tennessee players were hot items on the coaching market in those days, and Neyland, who was still active as the Vols' head coach, spent much of his time placing his proteges in head coaching positions. When Wyatt told him he was interested in the Wyoming job, Neyland was somewhat less than enthusiastic.

"Why don't you just go to China?," he said, but he gladly gave his support, anyway.

So Wyatt accepted his first college head coaching position at Wyoming in 1947, gathering a band of former Vol teammates around him. All-America tailback George Cafego, fullback Leonard Coffman and blocking back John (Skeeter) Bailey had all been members of the great 1938 team. Off they set into the unknown, into the wild and beautiful mountain country of the far West, young and enthusiastic, ready for whatever adventures awaited them there.

Wyatt also brought along with him the hallowed old Tennessee single wing offense, a formation that was rapidly becoming an antique as college football fell under the spell of the T-formation. Wyatt, like his teacher Neyland, was not about to abandon the things that had carried Tennessee to the top. He was going to dance with them that brung him.

In 1946, the year before Wyatt took over at Laramie, the Cowboys had won only one game. It took Bowden and his staff only two seasons to turn that record around 180 degrees. In 1949, the Cowboys lost only one game.

In 1950, the Cowboys reached a peak they had never scaled before, sweeping to a 10-0-0 record and winning the Skyline Conference championship. They then beat Washington and Lee 20-7 in the Gator Bowl, the school's first ever postseason appearance. Wyatt won Coach of the Year honors and was rewarded with a new 10-year contract, a very rare item in those days.

But not even the new contract could keep Wyatt in Laramie. The job he had done there attracted the attention of bigger and more affluent gridiron powers including Arkansas, where another Tennessee man, John Barnhill, held forth as athletics director after having stepped down from the head coaching position. After the 1952 season, Wyatt gathered up his staff and set off for that Southwest Conference institution. He left with a gaudy six-year record of 39-17-1 and the satisfaction of knowing that he had put Wyoming on the college football map. After only two seasons at Fayetteville, he moved back to his alma mater, which had been his ultimate destination all along.

Wyoming officials were so impressed with the Tennessee football philosophy that the they quickly got on the phone to Neyland, who had another prize pupil waiting in the wings. Phil Dickens had been an All-SEC tailback for the Vols in 1934-36, and, if those teams had not been rather mediocre by UT standards, he would now most likely be ranked alongside Gene McEver, Beattie Feathers, Cafego and Hank Lauricella among the great Vol tailbacks of the Neyland era. He had enjoyed great success as the head coach at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., and when the call from the Cowboys came, old "Phantom Phil" was ready.

Unlike Wyatt, Dickens had by this time gone over to the T-Formation, but his emphasis on defense, the kicking game and field position football were still strictly Tennessee/Neyland. He took over at Wyoming without missing a lick. In four seasons at Laramie his teams won 29 games, lost only 11 and tied one. His 1955 team went 8-3 and beat Texas Tech in the Sun Bowl, and then his 1956 team equaled the great 1950 team's accomplishment by posting a 10-0-0 record.

That won Dickens a new job as head coach at Indiana. But the Tennessee reclamation job at Wyoming had been a smashing success. Over a 10-year stretch, 1947 through 1956, Wyatt and Dickens had led their Cowboy teams to a composite record of 68-28-2, and more than 40 years later those two old Volunteers still hold warm places in the hearts of Wyoming football fans.

Former Vol

Ralph Chancey

(1946-49)

Cleveland, Tennessee's, Ralph Chancey was a player, coach and administrator in the Vol football program and, not only that, had a son who played for the Vols, Steve Chancey (1971-73).

Ralph Chancey lettered for the Vols in 1946-49 and was a co-captain with Hal Littleford of the 1949 contingent.

He later became an assistant with the Vols (1950-63, serving under Bob Neyland, Harvey Robinson, Bowden Wyatt and Jim McDonald). In the 1951 season, the Vols led the nation in pass defense under Chancey's tutelage. He also served as administrative assistant for former head coach John Majors (1979-88).

He was defensive coordinator at West Virginia in 1964. He later signed on as General Manager at Post and Co. and was with the City of Knoxville.

Ralph Chancey served the University of Tennessee well as a player, assistant coach and administrator.

Knoxville No. 1 College Football Town

The Sporting News ranked Knoxville as the nation's top city in college football in its annual rankings.

The University of Tennessee, coming off a 13-0 record and the 1998 national championship, played to crowds in excess of 100,000 fans for each home game. In fact, the Vols played to a 104 percent capacity, averaging 106,914 last season in the 102,844-seat Neyland Stadium.

"The absolute intensity of the fans in that area bring to Tennessee football is at the top of the list as to why Knoxville was picked," said Steve Meyerhoff, executive editor of *The Sporting News*. "The atmosphere, the gameday feeling, the commitment of the people at the school. And, success. You can have a great atmosphere and great fans and be 0-12. That's not much good. The national championship goes a long way toward making it a great place for college football."

The magazine also rated Columbus, Ohio, Ann Arbor, Mich., Gainesville, Fla., and Tallahassee, Fla., behind Knoxville.

Fulmer to Coach in Hula Bowl

Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer and Barry Alvarez of Wisconsin and will be the opposing coaches in the 2000 Hula Bowl.

Fulmer will be assisted by Arizona's Dick Tomey and two of the AFCA's 1999 National Coach of the Year winners.

Fulmer was the consensus national coach of the year last season after leading Tennessee to a 13-0 record and the national championship. Fulmer enters the 1999 campaign as the nation's winningest active coach in college football with a 67-11 (.859) record in seven years. The Vols have the best record in college football over the past four years, winning 45 games and losing five.

Goodrich and Grant Named to Preseason Jim Thorpe List

Tennessee's Dwayne Goodrich and Deon Grant have been chosen as preseason candidates for this year's Jim Thopre Award presented annually to the top defensive back in college football.

The award is announced on ESPN's College Football Awards Show in December and the official presentation is at an Oklahoma City banquet next February.

Goodrich, the defensive most valuable player of the 1999 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl win over Florida State, picked off three passes last season and had a team-high 10 passes broken up. His 54-yard interception for a touchdown against Florida State gave the Vols a 14-0 second quarter lead in UT's 23-16 win over the Seminoles. Goodrich is a senior from Oak Lawn, Ill.

Grant, a junior free safety from Augusta, Ga., led the national champion Vols with five interceptions and ranked fourth on the team in tackles with 62 last season in his first season as a starter. He was named the SEC's Defensive Player of the Week following the Vols' win at Georgia when he recorded six tackles, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass.

Harris Named to Preseason Wooden Award List

Tennessee's Tony Harris has been named one of 25 preseason candidates for the 1999-2000 John R. Wooden Award as the nation's most outstanding college basketball player. This is the second consecutive season Harris has been named by the Wooden Award Committee to the preseason list.

Harris, a 6-0 junior from Memphis, is the Vols' leading returning scorer from last year's 21-9 team that captured the SEC's Eastern Division title. He averaged 12.4 points and a team-high 4.8 assists per game last season while leading the SEC in three-point field goal percentage (league play only), connecting on 47 percent from beyond the arc (41-of-88).

The preseason candidates were selected based on last year's individual performance and team records. The 10-player Wooden All-America team will be selected March 28, with one member of that squad being chosen as the recipient of the Wooden Award Trophy.

Black Helps SEC All-Stars to 4-1 Mark

Tennessee's C.J. Black helped lead the Southeastern Conference All-Stars to a 4-1 record during its recent tour of Japan. The 6-8 Black, who will be a senior for the Vols this season, was the team's second-leading rebounder, averaging 5.6 per game and connected on 56 percent (15-of-27) from the field, also ranking second on the team.

He averaged 8.2 points in the five games and played 16 minutes per game.

The Chattanooga native will enter the upcoming 1999-2000 season as the school's all-time leader in blocked shots with 157 and needs just 38 points to become the Vols' 32nd player to score at least 1000 career points. In June, Black competed overseas on a U.S. Select Team in Greece.

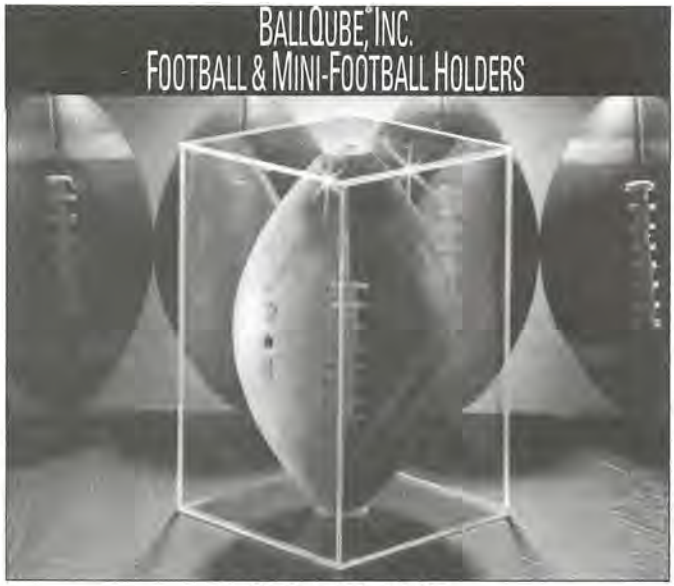
Young-A Yang Falls in Third Round

After rolling through the first two rounds of play at the 99th U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, Tennessee sophomore golfer Young-A Yang (Tae-Gu City, South Korea) fell to Kasey Gant (Ft. Wayne, Ind.) in the third round of match play. Yang was defeated three and two at the Biltmore Forest Country Club in Asheville, N.C., Aug. 13 after advancing to remain one of just 16 golfers left in the tournament.

Yang qualified for the match play championships after carding rounds of 75 and 70 in the two rounds of stroke-play qualifying on the par 72, 6,202-yard layout. She went on to defeat Dara Broadus (Atlanta, Ga.) in the first round and Candy Hannemann (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Duke University) in the second round.

Yang finished her first season on the Lady Vol golf team with the lowest stroke average at 74.7. She earned All-America Honorable Mention honors from the National Golf Coaches Association and was named the SEC Freshman of the Year as well as All-SEC First Team. She finished among the top 10 individuals in six of 10 tournaments on the 1998-99 season. She also played in the North and South Amateur earlier this month.

The Lady Vol golf team will swing into action on Sept. 19-21 for the Auburn Tiger-Derby Invitational in Auburn, Ala., starting off the fall portion of their schedule.



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THIS WEEK IN BIG ORANGE COUNTRY

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

As surely as it happens at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier or at worldwide outposts where U.S. troops are stationed, the changing of the guard took place Sept. 4 in the Neyland Stadium press box.

At the middle of the John Ward Broadcast Center, in Booth 403, overlooking the playing field, grizzled General John Ward, figuratively speaking, handed off the Vol Network microphone to rookie Lieutenant Bob Kesling.

That was not the only substitution, of course. It was Tim Priest for Bill Anderson and Jeff Francis for... well, actually nobody. Jeff became Tennessee's first sideline reporter, assigned to dig up those interesting little tidbits that can fill the airways when the action on the field starts to lag.

Kesling and Ward each have a distinctiveness in their reporting styles, but the main contrast will come in terms of visibility among the fans.

Ward always was extremely generous with his time for the Athletic Department. He attended banquets and alumni functions pretty much as requested. But John wasn't employed by the University and was obligated to appear only for Vol Network functions.

Kesling is like the rest of us working stiffs in that he has a boss to whom he answers. He is subject to being sent anywhere athletic director Doug Dickey dispatches him. Consequently, he'll be out and about, spreading good will on behalf of the Athletic Department.

On the personal level, Bob's a good guy, but one who finds his amusement in strange ways, such as pulling for the Boston Celtics as though he grew up in the Hub City, which he didn't. Like most people, he fills his spare time by reading or exercising or listening to music. He likes golf pretty well, and he just recently returned from a family vacation at a ranch in the Rocky Mountain area.

Bob Kesling (center) will be joined by former Vols Jeff Francis (left) and Tim Priest (right) on the Vol Network.

Much to my amazement, the most frequently asked question during the round of civic club speeches that precede the football season didn't involve Tee Martin or Jamal Lewis. It was to ask my opinion of how Kesling would fare in the broadcast booth. Despite my assurances that Bob's professionalism and style would be just fine, a woman at a Sertoma meeting noted, "but he isn't John Ward."

"True," I admitted, "but he is Bob Kesling, and that could be pretty good." The situation reminded me of 1968 when a young, bespectacled Ward took over the mike from longtime announcer George Mooney. I'm sure somebody then remarked, "but he isn't George Mooney." Which he wasn't, of course, but the story had a happy ending anyway away from the broadcast booth. Bob's a lot of fun to be around, a pleasant dinner companion.

Here's to you, Bob Kesling, hale fellow well met. Along with colleagues Priest and Francis, you'll make a lively addition to the Vol Network team.

—Haywood Harris

LADY VOLS IN EUROPE

The returning players of the Lady Volunteer soccer and basketball teams did a little studying abroad this summer, spending two weeks in Europe playing against various club teams. From the results achieved on those trips, head coaches Charlie MacCabe and Pat Summitt are hopeful that success on foreign soil will translate into improvement against collegiate foes for their respective clubs during the upcoming seasons.

Under the guidance of MacCabe, the soccer team made the program's first-ever trip to Europe from August 5-16. A contingent of 28 Tennessee players and staff visited France, Germany and The Netherlands, effectively mixing in training sessions with an opportunity to visit a variety of cities and enjoy several different cultures.

Tennessee opened the trip with a pair of victories, edging Frankfurt FSV, 3-2, and Eendracht Aalst, the National Club team of Belgium, 2-1. After a 3-0 blanking by the Dutch National Team at its practice facility in Zeist, The Netherlands, the Lady Vols closed out the tour schedule by tying Anderlecht, the perennial Belgian champs, 2-2, on a clutch goal by Jen Laughridge with just under three minutes remaining in the contest. Farragut native Laura Lauter led UT's offense during the trip with three goals and a couple of assists.

As for the basketball team, Summitt's holdovers from last year's 31-3 club visited France, Belgium, Switzerland and Luxembourg during their August 12-23 stay in the old country. Despite the typical language barrier problems and some difficult tour arrangements that required long bus rides on game days, the Big Orange hoopsters marched through their five-game schedule as though they were in mid-season form.

Game one provided UT its most stressful test, as Valenciennes-Olympic of France overcame a 45-28 halftime deficit before falling, 71-68. While Tamika Catchings' 18 points helped the Lady Vols survive against V-O, her 26-point outburst vs. Switzerland's Wetzikon BBC fueled a 104-37 Rocky Top romp. In double figures for the second straight game were point guard heir apparent Kristen "Ace" Clement (16) and post player Michelle Snow (15). Joining them in double digits versus the BBC were Shalon Pillow (14), Kyra Elzy (11) and Niya Butts (10).

The third game of the trip brought another blowout, as Catchings (34), Clement (26) and Semeka Randall (23) combined for 83 points in a 126-50 triumph over Martigny of Switzerland. The return to France for the fourth game offered an opponent that would provide the same kind of challenges that Tennessee faced in the opening-game French foe V-O. Aix-En-Provence made a game of it with UT before succumbing, 66-57. Randall, Catchings and Clement continued their steady play, tossing in 17, 13 and 12 points, respectively, to key the win.

The Lady Vols were able to take a break from the action and tour some of the historic sites in Europe, as shown here with assistant coach Al Brown and junior Ace Clement (back right).

The French Riviera, the playground for the rich and famous, was the site of the final game on the European tour. Summitt's charges concluded the schedule in impressive fashion, turning back a last-minute replacement team called Roquebrune, 114-45. Randall led the way with 23 points, while Snow stole the show with 20 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots in 28 minutes, easily her best performance of the trip.

—Eric Trainer

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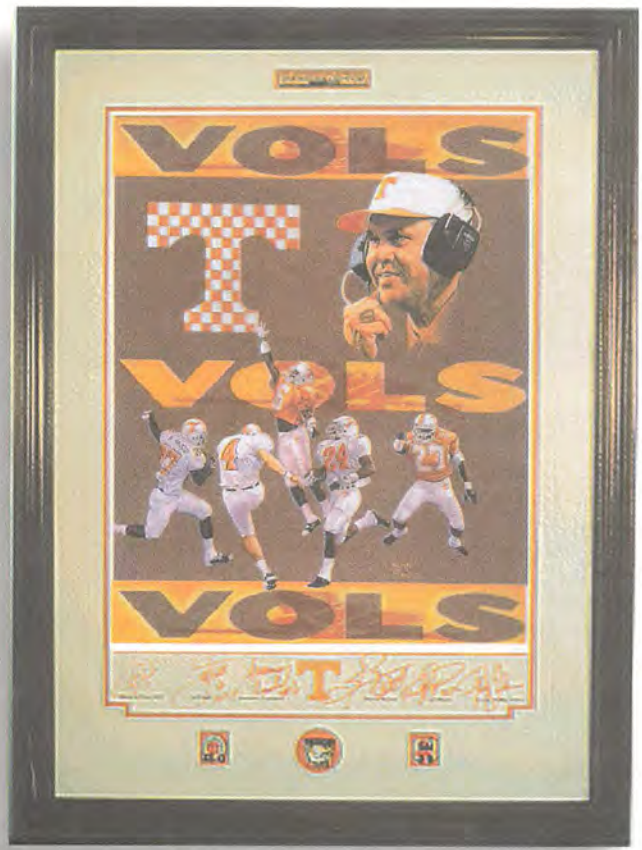

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VASF & Marketing News

A Special Thank You

The VASF office would like to extend a special "thank you" to all of the donors at the Bronze Victor level and their families who attended the Saturday Scrimmage Reception held at Neyland Stadium Aug. 21, after the Volunteers' first full-contact scrimmage of fall two-a-days. Back Yard Burgers provided the food for the 400-plus in attendence.

VASF Day Set for Oct. 2

Oct. 2 has been set aside as VASF Day recognition at Thompson-Boling Arena. The doors will open two and one-half hours prior to the Tennessee vs. Auburn game. Game time has not been set as of this time. Watch this space in future editions for more information about this special day of "thanks" for all VASF contributors.

Alumni Away Game Reception

For those Vol fans heading to Tennessee's first away game of the 1999 season in Gainesville, Fla., here is a place where you will find more fans wearing the "right" shade of orange.

The University of Tennessee National Alumni Association is hosting its traditional pre-game reception before the Tennessee vs. Florida game Sept. 18 at the Holiday Inn, Gainesville, beginning around 5 p.m. There will be entertainment, a cash bar and a pep rally by the UT cheerleaders. Kickoff is at 8 p.m.

More information is available by contacting the UTNAA office at (423) 974-3011.

Basketball 1999-2000 Season Ticket Renewal Deadline Nears

Vol basketball fans, the deadline is approaching for 1999-2000 season ticket renewals. This year's schedule consists of 18 home games, including powerful SEC foes Auburn, Arkansas, Kentucky and Florida. Please note that all renewals must be postmarked by Sept. 15 to ensure same-seat priority.

For those considering purchasing season tickets for the first time, 1999-2000 is the best time for you to help *Crash the Party*. Contact the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200 for a ticket order form.

VASF Office Hours for Memphis Football Game Day

The Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund office will be open Saturday, Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for those wishing to stop by and say "hello." We look forward to seeing you.

Another Record Year for the VASF

The VASF office would like to announce another record year for 1999. More than $10.6 million was raised for the betterment and benefit of Tennessee's student-athletes. Donors and supporters truly are the "winning edge" in making Tennessee one of the best collegiate athletic departments in the country.

Mrs. Winners Football Card Giveaway

The UTAD would like to extend a special "thank you" to Mrs. Winner's for sponsoring football card night at Neyland Stadium at the Tennessee vs. Wyoming football game. VASF Collegiate Club members distributed more than 30,000 collector's cards.

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Faces in Big Orange Country

A new face to the University of Tennessee main campus this fall is **J. Wade Gilley**, who took office Aug. 1 as the University's 20th president. Gilley comes to Tennessee after spending the last eight years as the president of Marshall University. Prior to Marshall, Gilley spent nine years as a professor and senior vice-president of George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. Gilley has also held the position of secretary of education for the Commonwealth of Virginia from 1978-82. He holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Tech. Shortly after taking the head post at the University of Tennessee, Gilley was part of the traveling party to Washington, D.C., where the 1998 national champion Volunteers met President Clinton and Vice President Gore at the White House. Look for a special exclusive interview with Dr. Gilley in our next issue.

As one of eight seniors for head coach Charlie MacCabe, **Kendyl Michner** looks to help the Orange and White soccer team earn its first berth in the NCAA Tournament this season. Over the summer, the Germantown, Tenn., native participated in the FIFA Women's World Cup for the Mexican National Team and saw action against Brazil, Germany and Italy. Despite missing the squad's first three games in 1998 while playing with the Mexican Nationals, the midfielder finished third in scoring with 23 points on nine goals and five assists. Michner will enter the upcoming campaign as the career leader in game-winning goals with six and ranks second in points (47) and goals (19).

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, redshirt sophomore **Ariana Wilson** registered one of the finest seasons in Lady Vol history in her rookie campaign. In 1998, she earned second-team All-SEC honors after appearing in all 29 matches, including a team high 101 games. As a freshman she averaged 3.78 kills and 1.15 blocks per game while recording a team best .333 hitting percentage which was good for tenth in the Southeastern Conference. For the second straight year, she was selected as the team's most improved player while also earning Academic All-SEC Honor Roll and Lady Vol Academic Honor accolades for the first and second times, respectively. She is majoring in advertising while maintaining a minor in business marketing.

After sitting out last season, Nashville's **John Henderson** has now come to the point he has long awaited, donning the Orange and White in front of 100,000 screaming Vol fans. A gentleman who is a man among boys, standing 6-7, 280 pounds, Henderson has the ability and talent to control the line of scrimmage and run down running backs from behind. His pleasant personality makes him a hit with everyone he meets and he has dedicated himself to working hard in the classroom. Henderson made the offseason workouts a priority to prepare for the rigorous task of facing some of the game's biggest lineman in the weekly Saturday clashes. This young man can play the game and will make a difference along the defensive front. You will find Henderson wearing jersey No. 98.

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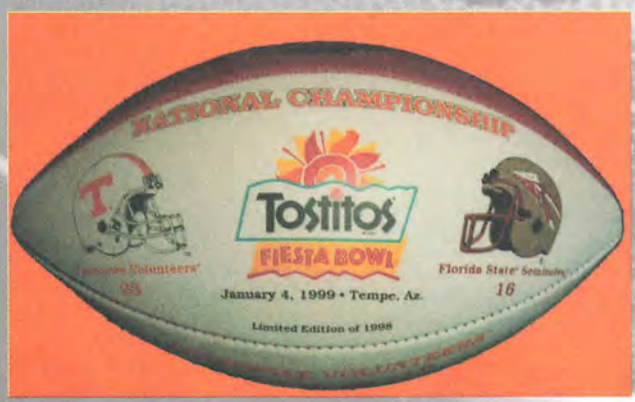

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SPENCER RILEY...
LEADING THE WAY

When speaking of what makes a good offensive line, words such as speed, quickness and strength come to mind.

Another attribute to be included on that list is cohesiveness. It takes all five offensive linemen working together to open up holes for running backs or to protect the quarterback when the ball is being in thrown.

All of those attributes apply to Tennessee's offensive line this year, and some people, including head coach Phillip Fulmer, are saying this group could be the best offensive line ever on the Hill. Words are cheap, though, and the members of the group still know they must go out and perform.

"It's a compliment to hear Coach Fulmer say this may be the best offensive line he's been around," center Spencer Riley said. "It is based on things we have done in past seasons, but it doesn't have anything to do with how we will perform this year. We have a lot of things to prove this season."

Riley is one of three starters returning on the line this season. Along with pre-season All-Americas Chad Clifton and Cosey Coleman, the Vols have a solid nucleus around which to build.

Senior Josh Tucker has earned the starting spot at right tackle and sophomore Fred Weary earned the spot at left guard.

The man that holds everything up front together is Riley.

"Spencer is the glue that holds us together," offensive line coach Mike Barry said. "He is not the biggest or the strongest guy, but he knows all the assignments. He brings energy to the field. He is fun to be around, he loves to practice, he loves competing, and he loves studying the game. He is a very valuable guy."

Riley does indeed know the game and perhaps every position on the line. After a redshirt campaign, Riley worked himself into the starting lineup at left guard against South Carolina and held the position for the remainder of the season.

Riley moved one spot to his left his sophomore season and started every game at left tackle. When he reported to fall practice his junior season, he was told he was being moved to center.

"Now, it feels like I have been snapping the ball for years," he said. "I had never taken a snap before until last year during two-a-days. It was interesting to do it. Tee and I really worked well together last season. I know what he is thinking, and he knows what I am thinking. We have good communication."

Riley is referring to Tee Martin, the Vols starting quarterback. Martin acknowledged the good rapport the two have on the field.

"Spencer and I have a great relationship," Martin said. "We didn't fumble a snap last year and we want to keep that trend going. He is a smart guy and knows what is going on. I have the confidence he is going to put the ball in the same spot every time. It is one less worry for me."

The offensive line in general gives Martin confidence.

"Those guys are about taking care of business," he said. "They are faster, stronger and have more experience. That gives me a whole lot of confidence. All those guys give me confidence and help the team get the job done."

The most important part of any offensive play is the snap. Without a successful exchange from center to quarterback, even the best-designed play will have little chance for success.

"We work on the center-quarterback

Spencer Riley (68) leads by example and is a major force up front for the Vol offense.

exchange everyday and try to make it as realistic as we can," Barry said. "We want it to be second nature come game time. They work hard at it."

The importance of the snap, and Riley's ability to be a successful part of it, is not overlooked.

"Spencer can be a back-up at guard or tackle, but he is so valuable at center, I don't even want to think about it," Barry said. "We have some other guys who can play those positions. Spencer's home is at center."

Riley and the other members of the offensive line were key components of last year's national championship team. Most people say to be successful, a team has to be able to run the ball. The Vols did that last year.

They led the SEC with an average of 211 yards per game. Mississippi State joined them as the only two schools in the conference to rush for more than 2000 yards. The Vols outdistanced second-place Mississippi State, which averaged 176 yards per game, by 35 yards a contest. Riley expects this season to be no different.

"Our running game could be the best in the country, and that's our goal," Riley said. "We want to be the best. We want to rush for as many yards as we can. It helps a lot to have Jamal coming back. It is interesting to have three backs, and three different types of running styles."

Opposing defenses know the strength of the Vols will be running the ball, but that makes no difference to this offensive line.

"We know people are going to try to stop the run," Riley said. "We are a running football team, and we were a running football team last year. But we know we can throw the ball. We are not going to let what teams do on defense determine what we do."

Part of what might make the running game the best in the nation, and the offensive line one of the best, is the experience it possesses. Riley and Clifton are three-year starters, Coleman has started 18 consecutive games, and Tucker had extensive playing time last season.

"We are a year wiser," Riley said. "That's the key thing. When you are a year wiser you can figure out the little things. Those things make you a better player than what you were a year ago.

"You can't replace experience. Experience is something you have to have. I've seen just about every defense you could play against."

Riley's extensive experience is partly what led the New Market native to be elected one of six captains this year.

"I was elected a captain and the team expects me to be leader," Riley said. "I plan on leading by example. I am going to show you how to work hard. I want guys to understand you have to work hard to get where you want to be.

"The whole senior class is a captain. The senior class knows what it takes it to win and we want to be winners here."

—Rob Hardin

Riley enters his second season as the Vols starting center.

Riley (third from left) was one of six captains voted by teammates for the 1999 season. He is joined by (L-R) Chad Clifton, Tee Martin, Darwin Walker, Billy Ratliff and Dwayne Goodrich.

Year	Games Started	Games Played	Awards & Honors:
1998	13	13	1999 Captain
1997	13	13	1996 All-Sec Freshman Team;
1996	6	11	
	32	37	

The Last Word...
1998 National Champs Visit Capitol

If you are a Tennessee fan, Aug. 17, 1999, will take its place in the pantheon of Vol history as the UT program passed in review this day in Washington, D.C., first at the Capitol, then at the White House.

From a luncheon with U.S. Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-Knoxville), to a formal ceremony in the East Room at the White House, the Vols were toasted, feted and otherwise honored for winning the 1998 national championship. It was a magic day and one which should further fill the hearts of Vol fans with great pride. It was a day no one connected with the Vol program really wanted to end.

There were magic moments by the bundle, none bigger than the team's entrance to the historic East Room, followed by the strains of "Ruffles and Flourishes" and "Hail to the Chief," signaling the entrance of President Clinton, Vice-President Gore, new UT President J. Wade Gilley, and head coach Phillip Fulmer.

That famed song dates to 1812 and was written by Englishman James Sanderson for a stage adaptation of Sir Walter Scott's "The Lady of the Lake." "Hail to the Chief" is the president's song, being played for U. S. presidents since July 4, 1828, when the Marine Band performed at groundbreaking ceremonies for the excavation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal for President John Quincy Adams. It was the first time the piece was used in association with a living president.

In his remarks, Dr. Gilley acknowledged that he had joined the national championship celebration well beyond the eleventh hour. He complimented Gore on wearing a resplendent Orange and White tie and expressed his pride at what his new employer's team had accomplished. "Being a new president, I can't take any credit for this national championship," Gilley said, "but I can tell you I take great pride in this coach and this team."

"I like teams and people who don't quit, who never say die. I like the fact this team had a lot of stars at different times during the year, but won as a team. Peerless Price caught passes for 76 and 79 yards in the Fiesta Bowl, but he wouldn't been there to catch those passes if Tee Martin hadn't thrown them, or if Jeff Hall didn't kick the field goals, or if all the guys on the line who never get their names mentioned on television didn't show up for every play and play like crazy. I think that's important. It's a real tribute to these young men and their fine coach. It should be obvious to anybody who knows anything about college football, anything about this coach and anything about this program, that it is founded not just on speed, strength and talent, but also on thinking, effort, courage and good values. In that sense, in winning the national championship and winning it the way they did in a highly competitive season, they reflected credit on the entire United States of America. Every person in America should be proud of them. I certainly am and I wish them well in coming back here next year."

— President Clinton
The East Room
The White House
Aug. 17, 1999

Tee Martin and Mercedes Hamilton (center) presented President Clinton and Vice President Gore with Tennessee jerseys at ceremonies honoring the Vols for their 1998 national championship.

Coach Fulmer, who later admitted that entering the East Room with the President and Vice President was an intimidating experience, brought down the house with his opening remarks. "Thank you, Mr. President and Mr. Vice President, for inviting us to your home today to recognize college football's national champions. We are obviously very proud of that," Fulmer said. "It's always very good to see President Gore... Vice President Gore...." Fulmer was interrupted by sustained applause.

"Vice President Gore was present at the Fiesta Bowl last January and shared the victory with us. We are honored to be at this event which really culminates the 1998 season and one we hope propels the 1999 season off to a great start. We worked every day to maximize this team's abilities and opportunities. They were an unselfish and resilient football team and we look forward to the challenges of 1999. We are not only proud of the team's accomplishments on the field, but are equally proud of their achievements in the classroom and in the community."

Tee Martin and Mercedes Hamilton then presented Clinton and Gore No. 1 Orange and White Tennessee jerseys, each emblazoned with their name. Gore, the Smith Countian (Carthage) who had always seemed to receive jersey No. 2 at these little celebrations, noted that this was the first time he had ever been acknowledged at least as a co-No. 1.

"It is truly an honor for us to visit our nation's Capitol," Martin said. "We're into two-a-day practices now, as we prepare for the 1999 season. Tomorrow, we'll be back at practice. We're looking forward to the season and preparing to see the president again."

Martin thanked Clinton for having the team at the White House and introduced him to the capacity throng, one which included the Vol travel party, many prominent Tennesseans and an overflow media corps. It was a solid moment in the spotlight for the adroit Vol signal-caller, who seems to have poise on and off the field well beyond his 21 years.

The Vols had begun the day with a luncheon and photo session at the Capitol, with Congressman Duncan as their host and U.S. Rep. Bob Clement (D-Nashville), among others, in attendance. Former Vol wide receiver Peerless Price, in for the day from the Buffalo Bills training camp, presented Duncan an

Vice President Gore reveled in the chance to express his feelings on the Vols and their accomplishments, including the 1998 contest between Tennessee and Arkansas.

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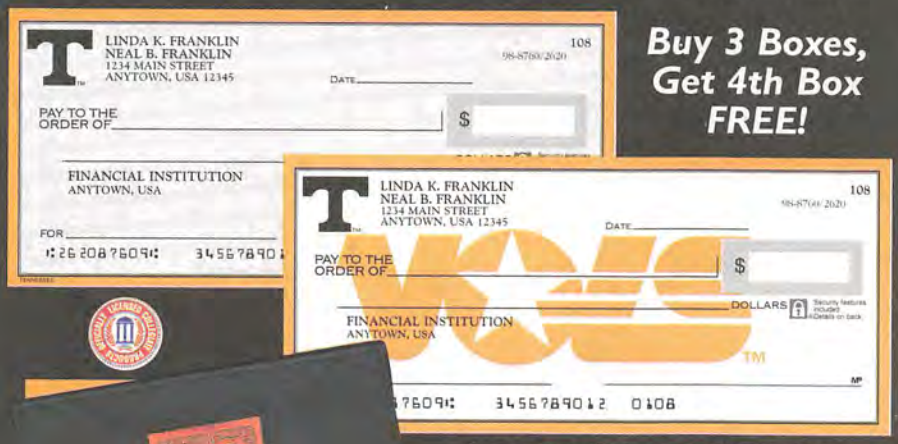

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autographed football and head coach Phillip Fulmer reviewed the season for the Tennessee Congressional staffers in attendance.

During a tour of the Capitol, Duncan showed the players and other staff how each representative voted with a computer card and push button device. Vol QB Joey Mathews was given the opportunity to vote on the question posed by Duncan: "Should Cosey Coleman take Phillip Fulmer's place as Vol head coach?" I won't say how he voted, but the light next to Duncan's name glowed light green, indicating, according to Duncan, an affirmative vote on the question.

Each visitor was also given a chance to stand at the podium at which the president gives the State of the Union Message each January. TWO OBSERVATIONS: The House Chamber looks smaller than it does on television and there is a fax machine next to the podium, phone number unknown.

Thereafter followed a visit to the Vietnam and Korean Memorials and the Lincoln Memorial. Talk about impressive. The Vietnam Exhibit, chronicling the names of the 58,219 men and women who died in Southeast Asia, was of particular interest to many in the Vol travel party. PERSONAL NOTE: There were six Mattinglys (no relation) on the list.

Later in the afternoon, the Vol travel party pulled up to the White House East gate in preparation for a tour and meeting with the President. IDs were checked and we entered and began our trek toward the State Dining Room and the East Room.

You have to be impressed with the history extant on the walls as you pass through those hallowed corridors, compete with pictures of presidents, their wives and other art donated by various individuals and groups. Our guide, Jose Brown, was a veritable cornucopia of information, although at least two us challenged him identifying President James Polk as a North Carolinian. Polk, you will remember, lived in Columbia, Tenn., and Polk County in southeast Tennessee is named in his honor. He was born in North Carolina and his family moved to Tennessee when he was 10-years-old. So, in fact, we were both right. Polk is also the only man in U. S. history to serve as Speaker of the House and President.

We also saw the collected china of

President Clinton spoke to the media and those attending the White House ceremonies about the qualities the Tennessee football squad displayed in winning the 1998 championship.

Tennessee senator Jim Duncan speaks to members of the Vol football squad and staff at the Capitol. Senator Duncan accompanied the Vols around the Washington D.C. tour as the nation's capitol extended the "Red Carpet" treatment for 1998 the national champions.

each president and toured the presidential library. By this time, it was time to move to the State Dining Room and await our opportunity to meet President Clinton and Vice President Gore. We were in single file as we awaited the chance to walk some 10-20 yards, shake hands with the President and Vice President and move to our seats in the East Room.

Walking through the door brought us within sight of the President and Vice President. I met the President seconds later, after Vice Chancellor Phil Scheurer and before Chancellor Bill Snyder. I mentioned I was a writer and he asked me how I was enjoying the trip. (I had met only one other president, Jimmy Carter in 1982, and our conversation was equally as brief.) I reminded the Vice President of our conversations at the Fiesta Bowl and asked about Tipper.

That task done, the party moved to the East Room, site of Susan Ford's high school prom (with every classmate in attendance) and the venue at which President Kennedy lay in state in November 1963, among other events of state. Seven of eight presidents who died in office have lain in state there.

No one knows exactly what impact the visit had on the Vol players, although one part of Clinton's speech brought into clear focus the special nature of the 1998 team. In their remarks, Clinton and Gore each had talked about the Nov. 14 game against Arkansas and, specifically, the final frantic moments leading to the 28-24 Vol victory.

Clinton recalled the fateful fumble, one which set the Vols in position for the winning score. "Who's responsible for that?," Clinton asked. Almost as one, the Vols on the bleachers next to the stage under the picture of George Washington pointed out Billy Ratliff, who, somewhat sheepishly, acknowledged the plaudits of the crowd. Clinton asked Ratliff to join him on the speaker's stand and while you couldn't hear what was said between the two men, it was another magic moment in a series of magic moments.

Clinton and Gore joined the Vols for a group picture and that was that. Clinton then departed and, just like that, it was over. Well, not really.

The night will live on with each of us who were there as will the high moments of the 1998 season. No one who was there will forget it. Each of us may never get back to the White House for a similar ceremony. No one knows what the future holds, but for one night in August 1999, the magic was there for everyone.

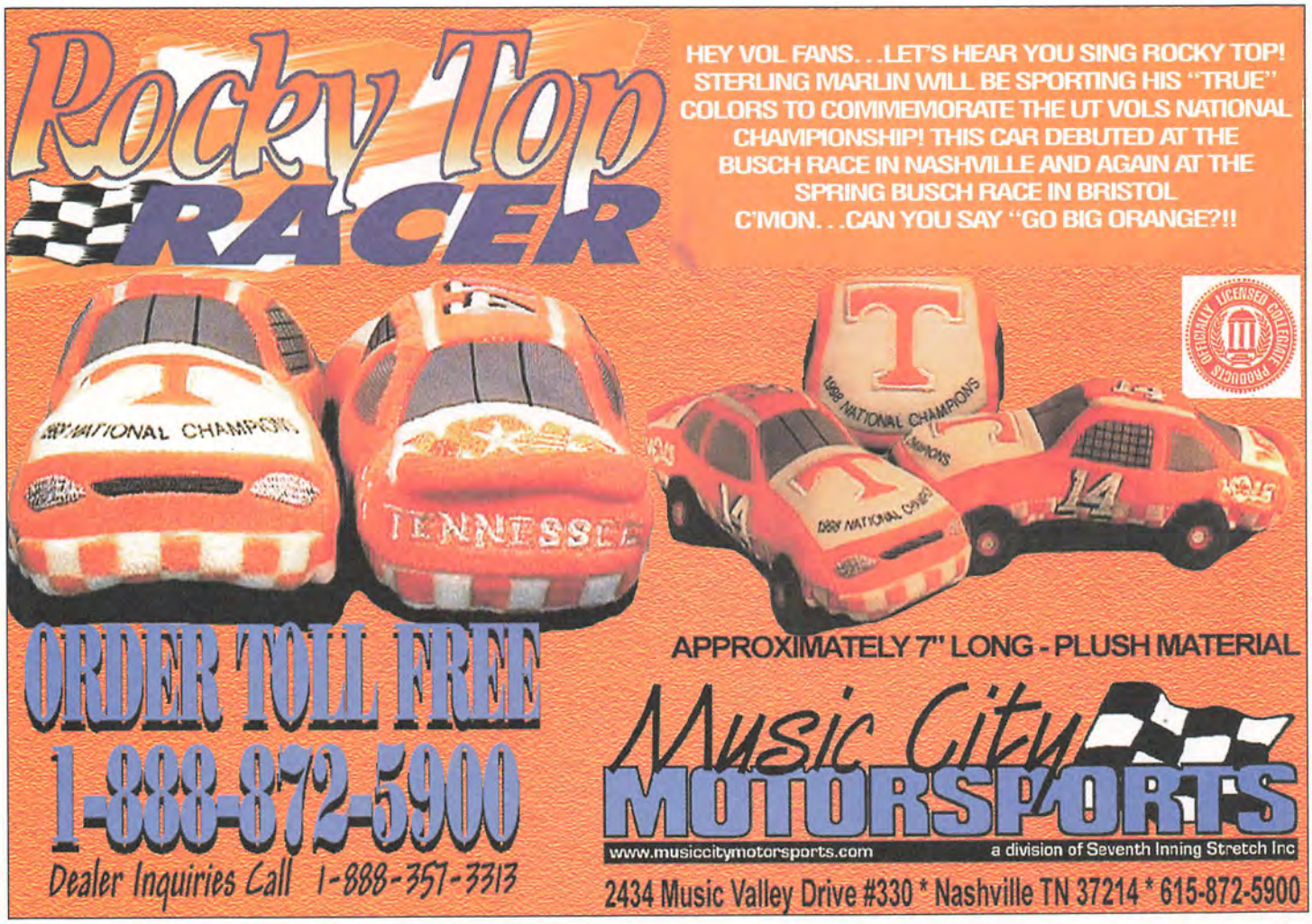
Another chapter in a still-evolving tradition of greatness on and off the gridiron was etched that night. Now you know why you're proud to be a Tennessee fan. No doubt about it.

—Tom Mattingly

Coach Fulmer and members of the 1998 national championship squad pose for a photo on the steps on the Capitol building on their recent trip to Washington, D.C.

"To all the distinguished guests, to Coach Fulmer and President Gilley and their families, to this wonderful team, I want to get in the punchline first that this is the best football team in the entire world. They play their home games in the best football city in the world. The Sporting News recently officially named Knoxville the best college football town in the country and, if you've ever been in Neyland Stadium on a Saturday, you know why that is. We do have fans of other schools in the room tonight, including some prominent ones. I want to point out that since President Clinton and I took office, SEC teams, including Arkansas, have won more national championships than any other comparable time in history."

—Vice-President Gore
The East Room
The White House
Aug. 17, 1999



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